

SENATE BILL 3026

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
relative to military affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 as a new chapter thereto.

SECTION 2. There is created the Tennessee military affairs commission. The commission shall be attached to the military department for administrative purposes.

SECTION 3. It is the purpose and the duty of the Tennessee military affairs commission to:

- (1) Address matters of military significance to Tennessee;
- (2) Take action to promote and optimize state and United States department of defense initiatives that will improve the military value of Tennessee's national guard, active and reserve military force structure and installations, and improve the quality of life for military personnel residing in the state;
- (3) Recommend state, federal and local economic development projects which promote, foster and support economic progress through a military presence in the state;
- (4) Advise the governor, the general assembly, the Tennessee congressional delegation, and other appropriate governmental officials on all matters in which the military services and the state have mutual interests, needs and concerns;
- (5) Coordinate, as necessary, the state's interest in future United States department of defense base closure and restructuring activities;
- (6) Report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the annual economic impact of military institutions in the state;

(7) Promote and assist the private sector in developing spin-off investments, employment, and educational opportunities associated with high technology programs at Tennessee's military installations; and

(8) Support the families of soldiers during times of deployment and extended military training, exercises and activity.

SECTION 3. The military affairs commission shall consist of an executive committee and such subcommittees as the executive committee may appoint and establish from its membership, in order to consider specific issues relating to the state and the military. The military department shall provide to the commission staff support as necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 4. The members of the executive committee shall include:

- (1) The governor or the governor's designee;
- (2) Tennessee's civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army;
- (3) The adjutant general of Tennessee;
- (4) The commissioner of veterans' affairs or the commissioner's designee;
- (5) The commissioner of economic development or the commissioner's designee;
- (6) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;
- (7) The commissioner of personnel or the commissioner's designee;
- (8) The commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee;
- (9) A designee of the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (10) A designee of the speaker of the senate; and
- (11) Three (3) members appointed by the governor who are residents of counties impacted significantly by military installations.

SECTION 5. No member of the executive committee or any subcommittee of the executive committee shall receive from the state any per diem, travel reimbursement or other

compensation paid in consideration for serving on or attending meetings of the executive committee or any subcommittee thereof.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-231(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() Military affairs commission, created by Section 2 of this act;

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.